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## An untapped well

**Academic Advising office seeks to assist more students**

By Jamie Mathews  
Senior Reporter

There are several offices on campus with services that students are able to take advantage of during their academic careers here at Ashland University.

One of the lesser-known offices is the Academic Advising office. It is a tool for students to utilize, especially new students who are unsure about college life.

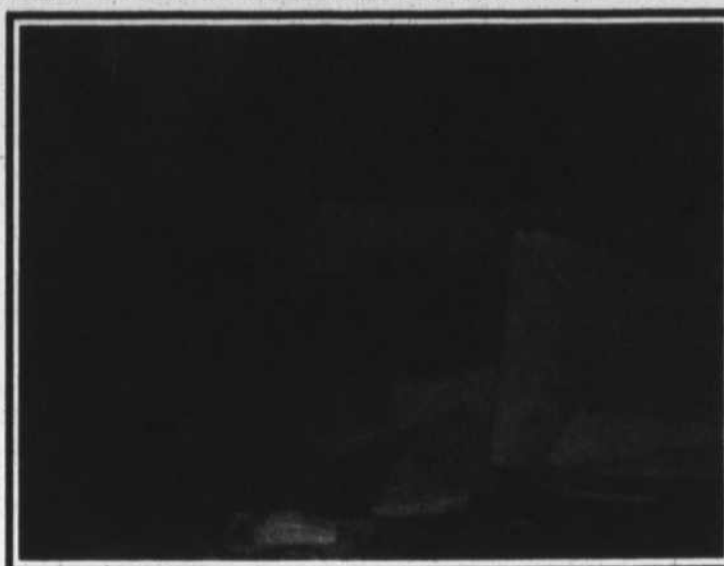
Sherry Shepler, Ph.D., is the new coordinator for the Academic Advising office and has her hands full. From helping students with scheduling and class questions to referring students to departments for career choices, Shepler will be keeping busy this year.

Luckily, the new coordinator has help from her administrative assistant Penny Cotter and the nine advising assistants the office employs.

"The office holds many services beneficial to students and in past years has been used in connection with the Introduction to University Life (IUL) classes," Cotter said.

In the past year though, less and less students in the IUL classes have been referred to the office, Cotter said.

Don Freeborn, a sophomore education major, said, "I never heard anything about the advising office or the advising assistants from my IUL class."



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Brandon Biller takes advantage of Academic Advising.

This same thought was echoed by another sophomore who wished to stay anonymous: "I don't know what the Academic Advising office is but I know that I am on academic probation."

The office needs to be better promoted and that is one job that the advising assistants have been assigned from their new coordinator.

At the beginning of each semester the nine advising assistants are available to present to each IUL class on their areas of expertise. Those areas include study skills, how to mark textbooks, time management and test taking.

"Advising assistants work with students to benefit their learning skills and answer questions regarding Ashland University," Cotter said.

Advising assistants are available to meet with students individually or in groups to help

with any concerns. The office informs students about the majors the school offers and helps with four-year plans and scheduling.

On average there 30 students come into the office each week at the beginning of each semester, but after the first few weeks the number dwindles.

"We are trying to encourage more students to come this year and utilize the services of the academic office," Cotter said.

"The university class did not tell me what I needed to know," Freeborn said. "They just expected me to already know everything."

With many students not aware of the office it is under debate whether the office has a permanent home here at the university. The issue is pending with the faculty senate.

The academic advising office is located in 100 Founders.

## —Safety Services— Report

- 8-30-03 Residents and non-students in a Kern room were found to be in violation of the alcohol policy.
- 9-05-03 While in the back Andrews parking lot, some students were found to be in violation of the alcohol policy.
- 9-06-03 A Myers resident and her guest were found to be in violation of the visitation policy.
- 9-07-03 Vandals discharged a fire extinguisher in a Clayton hallway.

NOTES: The Safety Service Department would like to remind students that jaywalking is against the law and it is very dangerous, especially on Claremont Avenue. The Ashland City Police will continue to cite violators.

The Campus Crime Act requires that Ashland University notify the campus community of any sexual predator attending or employed at the institution. While we have no known predators at this time, the campus community can access the Ashland County list at [www.ashlandcounty.org/sheriff](http://www.ashlandcounty.org/sheriff).

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